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You lucky little kid.
You perished, so you did,
For my sweet!

The fairy stitching gleams
On the sides and in the seams,
And it shows
That the Pixies were the wage
Who tipt these funny tags
And these toes

What soles to charm an elf!
Had Crasoe, sick of self,
Chanced to view
One printed near the tide,
O, how hard he would have tried
For the two!

A CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE.

Toward the close of December, 1867, the British corvette, Sirius, belonging to the squadron for the suppression of the African slave trade, lay anchored within a few fathoms of the coast of Congo, Lower Guinea. I was the sailing master; and I was leaning on the bulwark looking at the current rushing past, and thinking of Christmas festivities and rejoicings in England—for this was the 24th of December, and consequently the day preceding the holy anniversary of the Saviour's birth. Preparations were being duly made for the festive observance of Christmas day on board the man-of-war; but no one could dream of the terrible adventure which was destined to mark it.

As I was leaning on the vessel's side, Mr. Winslow, the first lieutenant, touched me on the arm, and directed my attention to an enormous serpent dangling from the branch of a tree not far off. The monster was at least thirty feet in length, with shining scales all over its body; and as it hung there, seeming to take a survey of the vessel, with flat head projecting, and tongue thrust out, it was certainly a frightful object to behold. Just as we were about directing the attention of others to the unwelcome spectacle, the monster, uncoupling itself from the tree, disappeared with a suddenness which gave to its scaly body, as it darted into the shrubbery, the appearance of a flash of lightning.

As it seemed probable that the serpent, if not destroyed, would contrive, by means of the vessel's projecting yards, to get aboard, the first lieutenant signified his intention of soliciting permission of Captain Morrill, who commanded, to seek the monster and dispatch it.

I could perceive, however, that Winslow's chief concern was for Clara Morrill, the daughter of the Captain, and the young man's betrothed. The captain had taken her aboard at Cape Coast, where for several months the young lady, fond of foreign travel, had been staying with her uncle, a functionary belonging to the colonial government. At Cape Coast Clara had been a good angel among the blacks. Men, women and children had loved her deeply; and when she departed, it had been a mournful sight to see them gathered on the shore, sobbing and weeping as if their hearts would break. In Clara the charm of the beauty spirituelle was singularly blended with the physical. Her broad, white brow, charming brown eyes, and classic features expressed intellect, while nothing could exceed the beauty of her figure.

She was in the cabin when Winslow made the request to her father, and obtained the required permission. Although terrified at what she heard, she begged her lover not to go on the hunt for the monster, which, with the peculiar sensitiveness of her nature, she felt a strong presentiment would be the means of fearful injury to the young man.

Clara's pleadings were unavailing. The first lieutenant was determined to kill the serpent, while the captain could not think of getting under weigh to avoid the peril, as he was carrying on an important negotiations with one of the native chiefs.

So Winslow, this time disobeying the gentle order of the young girl, went ashore with a party of five men, myself among the number, all armed to the teeth. Into the woods we all plunged, searching the serpent, and soon were deep in the mazes formed by the thick growth of trees, among which the boabab was seen, seeming to bury its lofty tops in the very clouds.

The warning notes of a squall now resounding through the woods, our leader gave orders for us all to return at once to the vessel. We endeavored to obey, but soon discovered we had lost our way. Meanwhile the squall came down, howling and screaming fearfully. The tall trees shook and roared like thunder; a darkness like that of night settled around us. Groping about for hours, we came in sight

of the ocean at sunset, and finally reached the spot we had left, to find our corvette stranded, but uninjured, upon the ocean beach.

She lay far over on her beam-ends, with her yards and masts among the branches of the trees. The captain and his men had erected some tents—one of which was for the use of Clara—until he could get the vessel off into deep water, which he expected to do on the following morning.

Pale and trembling, Clara stood by her father, her eye fearfully turned toward the wood, when her lover arrived. At sight of him she uttered a glad cry, and half sprang toward him, when the consciousness that many observers were present made her pause, her cheeks all aglow.

We soon learned that the captain and his party had been more fortunate than ours; they had seen the serpent after they were stranded; but it had disappeared again before a hand could be raised against it. That night a strong guard was kept around the tents.

Just at daybreak, on that memorable Christmas morning, I was waked by a fearful cry, that pierced my heart like a knife.

Up I sprang, rushing from the tent, to behold a sight which was truly appalling. Right ahead of me was Clara, pursued by the serpent, which, in its turn, was being chased by the men. It seemed that the young girl, walking, had seen upon the tent the shadow of the fearful creature, which had suddenly darted among the guard; and mistaking that shadow for the serpent itself, she had rushed forth, only to confront the reptile, against which the men were leveling blow after blow with their hatchets and cutlasses. Somehow, none of these blows took effect, owing to the rapid writhing and rolling of those scaly folds, and perhaps, to the alarm of the startled guard. Seeing the monster so near, Clara had fled towards the woods, when, by instinct, the serpent, turning from the assailing party, had glided off in pursuit of the retreating form.

I had hardly time to hear the hurried explanation, when a tall form bounded past me with the speed of a thunderbolt—the agonized father, Captain Morrill, calling upon the men to save his child!

The usual coolness of the sailors had deserted them. All was hurry and confusion, the pursuers running with a speed which, from their constant contact with the brambles and thick clumps of shrubbery, only impeded their movements, causing them to lose more time than they gained. One person alone seemed to preserve his self-possession—Winslow, the lieutenant, who made his way forward with a celerity which carried him ahead of the others.

Soon we saw poor Clara glide into an opening—a sort of hollow in the trunk of a huge tree, where she crouched white and trembling, her wild eyes turned upon her hideous enemy, approaching with threatening velocity.

Lifting and arching his head at the same instant, the serpent turned its flaming eyes upon Winslow, near it with uplifted cutlass; then, with a strange kind of cunning, it wound itself around the tree in three seconds of time, almost closing with its scaly folds the opening occupied by Clara. Then, seemingly aware that it had secured its prey, the hideous monster, with downward hanging head, glared upon those approaching. Appalled we all stood, our hearts beating thunder, our brains whirling. There, behind those slimy folds, was the terror-stricken Clara, unable to escape, and projecting outward, the head of the serpent, as it threatened death to him who would dare to advance a step nearer. What could we do?

To dart hatchet or cutlass, or fire at our hideous enemy, might insure the death of Clara, who could hardly escape being struck by blade or bullet, as she was in range.

"Save her! save her!" moaned Captain Morrill, "Oh, my child!"

He would have dashed recklessly forward but for the strong detaining arm of the first lieutenant.

"You will die without benefiting your child; nothing can be done in that way."

"What shall we do, then?"

The question passed from lip to lip. There were brave and willing hands among the men, but the fact that they could do nothing almost drove them mad. Clear and high above their shrieking voices rang the steel-like tones of Winslow, steady, strong and unquivering, "Bring me a rope."

Back to the tent was but a few yards; a rope was brought. While his companions were wondering what he intended doing,

the lieutenant, who had thrown off his shoes, climbed, with one end of the rope strangled, with his teeth, to the trunk of an adjoining tree, and "laid out" upon a branch projecting about twenty feet above the serpent. Straddling the limb, he formed a bowling hitch, or noose, in the end of the rope; then, quickly lowering it, he dexterously threw it far over the head of the serpent, and hauled taut. The hitch firmly held the creature, which, now enraged, darted up towards the lieutenant.

As it was obliged to uncoil itself from the trunk, however, this gave Winslow time to secure several turns around the branch, pulling upon them until the monster's head was within a few feet of him, when, fastening the rope to the branch, he descended the trunk of the tree.

"Now, men! now is your time!" he shouted, as the angry serpent writhed and twisted to escape from the rope.

In a moment the men were upon the monster, chopping to pieces its scaly folds, which, from the serpent's head being secure, were now at their mercy. The movements of the animal were frightful to behold. In its dying agony, it lashed the tree again and again, scattering the bark and making the leaves fly in every direction, while a fearful sort of gurgling, hissing sound continually escaped from its throat. Clara was soon drawn forth from her dangerous position, when, half-fainting, she sank upon the bosom of her preserver.

Meanwhile, several of the men, ascending the tree, lowered what remained of the dying monster to the earth, where a dozen hatchets soon extinguished every spark of life.

In the afternoon we had our vessel afloat with the high tide, and were all aboard, Clara smiling upon her father's arm, while the men cheered the gallant Winslow in voices that rolled up to the very skies. Then the remaining portion of that Christmas Day was spent, first in devout thanksgiving, and afterwards in festivity.

A few months after I saw Mr. Winslow lead to the altar the beautiful bride whom he had so nobly earned, and who, but for his courage, self-possession and dexterity, must have perished horribly in that far-away African forest.

LUDICROUS ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.—The St. Joseph (Missouri) Gazette of the 9th inst. says:

"Last Thursday evening, an old colored woman, who had become disgusted with this wicked world, determined to seek a better one. She resolved to leave by ascent, and to effect her purpose, she brought into requisition an old relic of the war, in the shape of a six-pound cannon ball, which was taken home by her husband as a treasure from the battle field of Fort Donelson, and some powder. Having all the necessary elements for hoisting herself into the better world, she very coolly placed the powder on the floor of her cabin, with the ball on top. Everything being in proper order for her ascent, she placed herself in a sitting posture over them, and then there fired the powder. But instead of being shot through the roof, as she expected, she was compelled to burst out of doors, screaming like a screech owl, and sat hurriedly down in the first tub of water she could find. She is determined, she says, to find some other means of quitting this world than by the explosion of gunpowder."

"I THOUGHT I UNDERSTOOD YOU TO SAY THAT YOUR FATHER WAS A MERCHANT ONLY A WEEK AGO," SAID A LADY TO A LITTLE GIRL WHO WAS SOLICITING ALMS, "AND, IF THAT IS SO, HOW COULD YOUR FAMILY HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO BEGGARY?" "IT IS TRUE, MA'AM; MY FATHER KEPT A PEANUT STAND, AND LAST WEEK HE TOOK A BAD TWO DOLLAR BILL, AND FAILED."

TOUCHING AND IRRESISTIBLE WAS THAT INVITATION OF THE RUSTIC MAIDEN TO HER SWAIN: "COME AND SEE ME; WE HAVE A NEW LAMP AT OUR HOUSE THAT WE CAN TURN DOWN, DOWN, DOWN, UNTIL THERE IS SCARCELY A BIT OF LIGHT IN THE ROOM." HE WENT.

A GROUNDLESS FALLACY.—It is a groundless fallacy to suppose that a child, because he kicks up the dust, is like a carpet that requires to be instantly pulled up and thoroughly beaten before it can be put down.

RECIPES.—To make a man a drunkard, give him a wife who will scold him every time he comes home. To make a woman scold, give her a husband who comes home drunk.

MISCELLANY.

Nearly 100,000 Chassepot rifles and 12-000 horses were captured from the French at Sedan.

Symptoms of the cattle plague have been so alarming in North Germany as to induce the British Privy Council Veterinary Department to send out agents to the Continent to get information on the subject.

The battlefields in France are infested with wretches who pillage the dead. One of these human ghouls, or "battlefield hyenas," as the Germans call them, was recently caught at Spandau. He had over \$3,000 of stolen money in his possession when caught at his infernal work.

The committee at Paris for the propagation of the use of horseflesh as food for the public, has written to the Government to point out the advantages that may be derived from such meat, especially by the establishment of economical kitchens, where any one would be free to get this article of food at a low price.

There are at least ten thousand species of flies east of the Rocky Mountains.

Droves of squirrels are reported to be swimming across the Ohio river at various places.

The water supplied to Montreal through the water works is said to be a "perfect aquarium of horrors."

The youth of St. Louis are rapidly thinning out, owing to their inordinate indulgence in stealing rides on locomotives.

Root Hog City claims the champion sick man of the oil regions. They have a man there who has been sick for 42 years.

Joseph Yager, after a dispute about a game of cards, in Troy, choked John Masterson till his tongue protruded and then bit it off.

Milwaukee has spent over \$70,000 in making sewers, and it is said that half the work will have to be taken up and relaid, owing to a mistake in the plans.

More hand organs are seen and heard in Boston in one day than in most of the other large cities of the country during a year.

A young girl of Schenectady, N. Y., has been committed to the Troy jail in default of \$20 fine for having promenaded through the streets with a negro.

The business of life insurance has increased within the last ten years in Massachusetts from \$150,000,000, to \$2,000,000,000, with a net reserve increased from thirteen to two hundred millions.

An East Tennessee woman stopped a railroad train the other day, by waving a red flag, and wanted to know of the enraged conductor if Sarah Melvina Thompson was aboard—which the same was her sister.

The champion hopper of the period has turned up in Albany. He has only one leg, but shows so much expertness in the use of it that he challenges the world to produce a man who can out hop him. Last week he hopped a mile in front of the capitol, to the admiration of a large crowd.

A woman has been arrested at Detroit for throwing vitrol upon two sisters. When brought into court the ladies presented a most horrible appearance. One had lost an eye, and every trace of beauty obliterated from the faces of both. The wicked act is supposed to have been prompted by jealousy.

Jimmie Reynolds, a sixteen year old boy of Black Hawk, Mississippi, had a little disagreement with his stepfather, and got the best of the argument by filling the old man with buckshot. If anybody covets the situation of stepfather to young Reynolds the situation is open. References exchanged.

Is not calling a man a brick giving him a hard name?

There have been nine suicides in Iowa within two weeks.

The railways of this country are said to use one hundred and fifty thousand acres of good timber every year for sleepers.

The alleys of Lafayette, Indiana, are so filthy that the local paper declares the street commissioner has to wear a clothes pin on his nose while inspecting them.

In several towns in Maine apples are offered at ten cents a bushel at the orchard. In many towns in New Hampshire they can be had for nothing.

At a Connecticut hotel, lately, a visitor who called for a glass of water was requested to take cider instead, as that only cost 75 cents a barrel and water cost \$1 50.

THE FOURTEEN SIEGES OF PARIS.—A French writer says: "Paris is standing its fourteenth siege. The first of these on record was in the year 53, B. C., when Lutetia, then confined to an island in the Seine, was attacked by the Roman consul Labienus, and the inhabitants abandoning the defense of the town, burned their houses and retired to the neighboring hills, where they were finally vanquished by the superior tactics of the legions.

In A. D. 436, Childeric, son of Morovenho, drove out the Romans after an obstinate siege.

In 845 the city was taken and pillaged by the Normans, enticed thither by the riches of the capital.

In 856 they again attacked Paris, which was burned by its inhabitants.

Five years later there was another incursion by the freebooters, who, however, found nothing worth taking.

After this the Parisians decided upon fortifying their town, but before the walls were completed, thirty thousand Normans encamped before them. The citizens, however, defended themselves manfully for more than a year, and the invaders were about raising the siege, when Charles the First hoisted a white flag and signed a disgraceful peace which cost him his throne.

In 1358 the Dauphin laid siege to the town, but was unsuccessful; as was the King of England in 1359.

In 1420 the English took Paris by assault and held it sixteen years. During this time it was attacked, in 1427, by Charles VII., who was repulsed by the garrison.

In 1403 the Duke of Burgundy ravaged the country up to the very walls.

In 1404 the Count of Charolais invested the city and was defeated in several assaults. Alike unsuccessful was the army of Charles V. in 1536.

Under Henry III. and Henry IV. the city sustained an ever memorable siege, capitulating, however, to the soldier of Narvare, after he had abjured protestantism. Lastly, in 1814, it was given up after a brief but gallant defence, to the allies.

Then, as in every preceding instance, treason had much to do with the surrender of the capital; and this treason seems to have been confined exclusively to the middle and upper classes, who contended with each other for the honor of paying court and homage to the conquerors.

The papers of 1814 tell of the gallantry of the workmen and students at the Barrier de Clichy, and of their sad silence as the foreigners marched in triumph through the streets, but they also tell how ribbons and flowers were showered down upon them in the wealthy quarters of the town, and how the women ran forward to kiss the hussars and Cossacks."

STRANGE IF TRUE.—A distinguished German professor lately announced that if a drop of human blood was placed under a microscope capable of magnifying it twenty million of times, it would show all kinds of animals that have ever existed or that now exist on the earth. In the blood of a healthy person the animals are quiet; in that of a sick person they fight. From this he draws the conclusion that man has within him all the elements from which the universe was created. He further says that if a dead cat was flung into a pond of water and left to decompose, the water would show, when under the microscope, all the animals belonging to the cat species.

HARD UP.—At a station on the Overland route, the keeper got rather short of provisions—in fact had nothing but bacon. As the stage stopped there one day to change horses, the passengers seated themselves at the table and the host said:

"Shall I help you to a piece of bacon?" "No, thank you; I never eat bacon," said one traveler.

"Well, then," said the station keeper, "help yourself to the mustard!"

A YOUNG RURAL LAWYER IN ILLINOIS IS GOING TO TAKE THE STUMP DURING THE FALL CAMPAIGN, AND PROPOSES TO "GRASP A RAY OF LIGHT FROM THE GREAT ORB OF DAY, SPIN IT INTO THREADS OF GOLD, AND WITH THEM WEAVE A SHROUD IN WHICH TO WRAP THE WHIRLWIND WHICH DIES UPON THE BOSOM OF OUR WESTERN PRAIRIES."

WESTERN GIRLS ARE SEEDING FROM THE FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION BECAUSE MRS. STANTON SAYS THAT NO YOUNG LADY IS FIT TO BE MARRIED UNTIL SHE IS TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE. THE GIRLS WON'T STAND THAT.

UNSEEN INFLUENCES.—We do not see the wind, but we enjoy its refreshing coolness. Some of the most elevating and powerful influences approach us unseen.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

There will be regular preaching once in each month at the following named places, Rev. J. H. Neal pastor:
First Sabbath at the Mississippi School House at 11 o'clock.
Second Sabbath at the Scottsburg School House at 11 o'clock in the morning.
Third Sabbath at the Dry Creek School House at 11 o'clock in the morning.
Fourth Sabbath at the Court House, Millerton, at 11 o'clock.

TOWN AND COUNTY.

CENSUS RETURNS.—Through Judge W. T. Rumble, who has been assisting Judge C. A. Hart, Census Marshal for this county, arrange the returns, we obtain the following statistics: Township No. One—Number of houses, 1,092; number of families, 596; population, 2,840. Township No. 2—Houses, 613; families, 465; population, 1,726. Township No. 3—Houses, 498; families, 341; population, 1,740. Total population, 6,306; total number of houses, 2,183; total number of families, 1,402. The total wealth of the county, as appears by the census returns, is about \$10,000,000. We would like to have given the number of whites, Indians, children, and the like, but we were not able to tell from the returns filed in the Clerk's office. We have heard it incidentally stated, we might mention in this connection, that the United States Marshal instructed his assistants to file their returns with the County Clerk in an unobtainable manner as possible. Why—if such is the case—were such instructions given? The returns are certainly for public benefit. The returns from this county are probably as complete as could have been made. Mr. Hart has canvassed the county pretty thoroughly. The number of Indians, it is known, is too small; but it was impossible to obtain a correct return. The Indians were frightened by the late stir that was made against them, and seemed to think that the Census Marshal was trying to do something to them. Consequently their number has probably fallen short seven hundred in the county.

ANOTHER INDIAN KILLED.—On last Sunday morning an Indian named Cholo, a member of the San Joaquin band of Indians, was shot and killed by a Dry Creek Indian named Joe. The Indian doing the killing had a quarrel with another Indian (both being drunk), just below town. Joe got a club and began beating the other Indian over the head with it. Justice Rumble, seeing the occurrence, went towards them to put a stop to the disturbance, when Joe, a confederate of his known as Tom, ran off. The Judge called to a couple of sober Indians, who had just come across the river, to catch Joe, and they started in pursuit. When they got just beyond the brickyard they were joined by another Indian, and they, having by this time got up pretty close to the fleeing parties, Joe obtained a revolver from his confederate and turned around and killed one of his pursuers with it, and then made his escape. Justice Rumble, acting Coroner, summoned a jury and held a post-mortem examination upon the body, when a verdict was returned in accordance with the information elicited from the witnesses, Joe being charged with the killing, and Tom with being an accessory. Tom was arrested and lodged in jail, but Joe is still at large.

HEAVY LOSS OF SLEEP.—We are sorry to state that our friends, Messrs. Hill & Hoxie, who, a few months since purchased Captain Darby's land and sheep, met with a very severe loss last week. In the early part of the week, during the stormy weather, their sheep began dying, and in two days they lost nearly twelve hundred out of a band of about three thousand. No one can tell the cause of their death; true, the weather was quite cold, and the sheep not fat, though in fair condition, but they were not sheared last fall, so it would seem that their fleeces should have protected them from the effects of the weather. Many attribute their death to eating poisonous weeds. The animals that died were the old ewes, and the best portion of their drove. The loss is severely felt by the gentlemen, who are able to bear it, having just commenced the business.

CHANGE.—Messrs. Sillman & Co. have withdrawn their stages from this end of the road, and Mr. P. Bennett is now carrying the mail from Union P. O. to this place. People may rest assured that, while the contract only calls for a weekly service, Mr. Bennett will carry the mail three times a week, provided the connecting line will bring it to him. We had two mails last week.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE.—J. M. Brown, as we noticed last week, will lecture on temperance at the Court House in this place, on next Friday evening. Mr. Brown is spoken of very highly as a lecturer. He is engaged in lecturing, and organizing Divisions of the Sons of Temperance.

THUNDER SHOWER.—The storm of Tuesday culminated on Wednesday in a thunder storm of great violence. The thunder roared ferociously, and the rain fell in torrents for two or three hours. The storm cleared up on Wednesday night, and the weather has since been quite pleasant.

STARTING UP.—The grass is springing up quite rapidly, and by the end of another fortnight Mother Earth will be covered with a carpet of green. Isn't this a funny country, spring commencing with the first storm of winter?

FINE ASSORTMENT OF TOBACCO.—Tom Allen has just received a very large and complete assortment of tobacco and cigars. They are selected from the choicest brands in market, and connoisseurs are requested to call and examine for themselves.

FINE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS will meet on next Monday. They will have some very important road matters before them to attend to.

The rains of last week were not heavy enough to interfere with mining operations in the river.

FRESNO COTTON.—On Sunday last we received, by the hands of Mr. Andrew Johnson, a box containing about forty or fifty bolls of cotton, sent by Messrs. McKeown & Kennedy, which was raised on their ranch situated on the San Joaquin river, some twenty miles below Millerton. The sample, so far as the size of the bolls and the quality of the cotton is concerned, will, in our opinion, and in that of others to whose notice we submitted the sample, equal any average that we have ever seen grown in the Southern States. We should judge the cotton to be what is known as the "green seed" variety. The staple is long and the quality very fine. In fact the sample is such a one as to give good encouragement to any one experimenting in raising the article. The land upon which the cotton is grown is bottom land, and there are many thousands of acres of a similar quality in the county. We think, as we stated last week, that cotton can be successfully grown in this county.

GRAND CRY.—A grand cry took place among the Indians at the rancheria across the river, on last Sunday and Sunday night. We do not think we ever heard louder or more doleful screaming. The crying was done over the body of the Indian killed on Sunday morning.

We noticed last week that Messrs. Dury & Co., Salter, and others, were caught in the snow with their sheep. We are pleased to announce that they succeeded in getting out their flocks with very trifling loss, and their sheep are in excellent condition.

QUARTERLY MEETING.—The first quarterly meeting for Millerton Circuit, M. E. Church South, will commence Wednesday evening, Nov. 9th, at the Court House in Millerton, and will embrace the second Saturday and Sunday in November.

The rains only raised the river at this place some six inches. The ground was so dry that it absorbed about all the rain that fell.

LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING in the Post Office at Millerton, Cal., on the 1st day of November, 1870, which, if not called for before the 1st day of December, 1870, will be sent to the Letter Office at Washington:

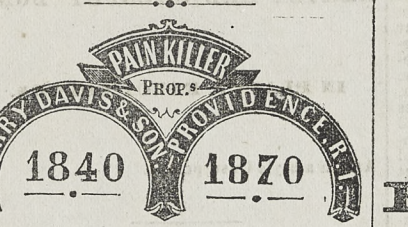
Allen, Mrs. M. H.	Murch, L. H.
Arnold, Wm.	Prechard, James
Berger, Henry	Pemberton, James C.
Childers, Edwin M.	Reid, Solomon
Foster, Augustus W.	Springer, Augustus W.
Fowler, Wm.	Staver, Henry
Lewis, J. P.	Sheehan, John
Miller, R. T.	Leeds, Jerry
McCrack, Alex.	Walters, Scott
McCrack, Ira	Wood, J. F.
	Wood, Samuel

OTTO FROELICH, P. M.
THE body of an unknown man, in a half decomposed state, was found hanging in an untenanted house in Marysville.

A Body and Mind Disease.

Such is Dyspepsia. The stomach and the brain are too intimately allied for the one to suffer without the other, so that dyspepsia and despondency are inseparable. It may be added, too, that irritation of the stomach is almost invariably followed by irritation of the temper.

The invigorating and tranquilizing operation of Hostetter's Bitters is most powerfully developed in cases of indigestion. The first effect of this agreeable tonic is comforting and encouraging. A mild glow pervades the system, the chronic uneasiness in the region of the stomach is lessened, and the nervous restlessness which characterizes the disease is abated. This improvement is not transient. It is not succeeded by the return of the old symptoms with superadded force, as is always the case when unmediated stimulants are given for the complaint. Each dose seems to impart a permanent accession of healthful invigoration. But this is not all. The aperient and anti-bilious properties of the preparation are scarcely secondary in importance to its tonic virtues. If there is an overflow of bile the secretion is soon brought within proper limits and if the urinary organ is inert and torpid, it is toned and regulated. The effect upon the discharging organs is equally salutary, and in cases of constipation the cathartic action is just sufficient to produce the desired result, gradually and without pain. The Bitters also promote healthy evaporation from the surface which is particularly desirable at this season when sudden spells of raw, unpleasant weather are apt to check the natural perspiration and produce congestion of the liver, lungs, and colds. The Best Safeguard Against All Diseases is Bodily Vigor, and this the Great Vegetable Restorative essentially promotes.



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WM. T. RUMBLE,

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,

Millerton, Cal.

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self-abuse, venereal diseases badly cured, and sexual excesses, are all capable of producing a weakness of the generative organs. The organs of generation, when in perfect health, MAKE THE MAN.

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RUIN THEIR CONSTITUTION,

but also those they do business with or for. How many men from badly cured diseases, the effects of self-abuse and excesses, have brought about that state of weakness in the organs that has reduced the general system so much as to induce almost every other disease—

IDIOCY, LUNACY, PARALYSIS,

spinal affections, sciatica, and almost every other form of disease which humanity is heir to, and the real cause of the trouble scarcely ever suspected, and have doctored for all but the right one.

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TRUE HEROISM.

Let others write of battles fought
Of bloody, ghastly fields,
Where honor greets the man who wins,
And death the man who yields;
But I will write of him who fights
And conquers his sins,
Who struggles on through weary years
Against himself, and wins.

He is a hero staunch and brave
Who fights an unseen foe,
And puts at last beneath his feet
His passions base and low;
Who stands erect in manhood's might
Undaunted, undimmed;
The bravest man who drew a sword
In fray or in raid.

It calls for something more than brawn
Or muscle to overcome
An enemy who marcheth not
With banner, plume, and drum—
A foe forever lurking nigh,
With silent, stealthy tread,
Forever near your board by day,
At night beside your bed.

All honor, then, to that brave heart,
Though poor or rich he be
Who struggles with his better part—
Who conquers and is free,
He may not wear a hero's crown,
Or fill a hero's grave;
But truth will place his name among
The bravest of the brave.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

A Southern writer, after noticing that upon garden walks and turn-furrows in the fields, the grass had the rust, and that where the ground was mellow the growth was large and luxuriant, believes that the remote cause of rust could be traced to the impoverished, shallow and imperfectly prepared soil. Thus, after having the germination of wheat in such soil, it was unable to send its roots down through the hard and unbroken soil, and was therefore compelled to send out its roots near the surface; the result of which is, during wet seasons, the soil is pulverized so shallow that it is unable to absorb these rains and give off the accumulated moisture in dry weather.

A shallow soil will become deluged by a single shower, because the hard subsoil will not allow it to pass downward. And again, in the drought of midsummer a thin stratum is made dry and parched in a week, while one of greater depth is scarcely affected; and lastly, the result of these two opposite extremes upon the roots of the wheat has the effect of debilitating them, and renders them less able to furnish that amount of nourishment and moisture the plant so much needs during the drought, and which is so necessary to the perfect development and maturing of the seed, therefore producing starvation of the plant, which is called rust.

Now if there is any truth in the theory of rust being an indirect result of dry soil, the remedy against the evil is within the reach of all, that is, underdraining, deep plowing, and feeding heavily with green or long manures. Would it not be well for planters to give their wheat field a little attention with this suggested cause of rust in mind?—*Farmer.*

HOW MUCH MANURE DO WE USE ON AN ACRE?—An acre of land contains 43,560 square feet, 4,840 square yards, or 160 square rods. By those who have used guano, it is said that 300 pounds is sufficient to manure an acre; 302½ pounds would give 1½ ounces avoirdupois to the square yard. One cubic yard would give a trifle over one cubic inch to the square foot. A cubic yard of highly concentrated manure like night soil, would, if evenly and properly spread, manure an acre very well. A cubic yard of long manure weighs about 1,400 pounds; a cubic foot not far from fifty pounds. A cord contains 128 cubic feet; one and a quarter cords would give about a cubic foot to the square rod. If liquid manure be used, it would take 180 barrels to give one gill to the square foot upon an acre, which would be equal to about fifty pipes or large hogsheds. It would be quite useful if planters would be a little more specific as to the manure applied.

\$100 RECIPE.—The following recipe has been sold for \$100 in several instances and is really a very valuable one in any family. It is for the celebrated washing fluid. Take one pound of sal-soda and half a pound of unslacked lime and put them into a gallon of water, boil it twenty minutes, let it stand till cool, then drain off and put in a small jug or jar, soak your dirty clothes over night, or until they are wet through, then ring them and rub on plenty of soap, and with water add one teaspoonful of the washing fluid; boil half an hour or more, rinse, and your clothes will look better than by the old way of washing twice before boiling. This is an invaluable recipe and every woman should try it.

NEW ORLEANS has a case of absent-mindedness. A gentleman writing at his breakfast table, dipped his pen in his coffee and continued his letter. Noticing his mistake, he put a large lump of sugar in the ink, and then, finding his second blunder, poured the contents of the ink-stand into the coffee cup to set it right.

SHE LIKED HIM.—"How do you like character of St. Paul?" asked a person of his landlady. "Ah, he was a good old soul, for he once said, you know, that we must eat what is set before us, and ask no questions for conscience sake. I always thought I should like him very much for a boarder."

Only twenty-four thousand voters registered in St. Louis, with its claimed population of 300,000.

FOR THE CHILDREN.

IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL.—An eminent Divine was once trying to teach a number of children that the soul would live after they were dead. They listened, but evidently did not understand it; he was too abstract. Snatching his watch from his pocket he said:

"James, what is that I hold in my hand?"

"A watch, sir."

"A little clock," says another.

"Do you all see it?"

"Yes sir."

"Very well. Can any of you hear it tick?"

"All listen now." After a pause: "Yes sir, we hear it."

He then took off the case, and held the case in one hand and the watch in the other.

"Now, children, which is the watch?"

You see there are two which are watches."

"The little one in your right hand, sir."

Very well again. Now I will lay the case aside—put it away, there—down in my hat. Now let us see if we can hear the watch tick."

"Yes sir, we can hear it," exclaimed several voices.

"Well, the watch can tick, and go, and keep time you see, when the case is taken off, and put away in my hat."

"So it is with you, children. Your body is nothing but the case, the soul is in the inside. The case, the body, may be taken off and buried in the ground, and the soul will live and think just as well as this watch will go, as you see, when the case is off."

This made it plain, and even the youngest went home and told his mother that "his little soul would tick after he was dead."

TOUCHING INCIDENT.—A poor little newsboy, while attempting to jump from a city car, the other afternoon, fell beneath the car and was fearfully mangled. As soon as the child could speak, he called piteously for his mother, and a messenger was sent at once to bring her to him.

When the bereaved woman arrived she hung over the dying boy in an agony of grief.

"Mother," whispered he, with a painful effort, "I sold four newspapers—and the money is in my pocket."

With the hand of death upon his brow, the last thought of the suffering child was for the poor, hard-working mother, whose burdens he was striving to lighten when he lost his life.

LITTLE BROTHERS.—Sisters, do not turn off your younger brothers as if they were always in your way, and any service which they might ask of you were a burden. Perhaps the hour may come when over a coffin that looks strangely longer than you thought, and over a pale brow where often, half-unwillingly and perhaps with a petulant pash, you parted the hair—you bend with blinding tears and sobs that shakes your very soul, while remorseful memory is busy with the by-gone hours. You will wish then that when he came and asked you to help him in his play, or to lift him on your lap because he was tired, or take him out because he wanted to see, you had laid aside your book and made the little heart glad.

THE PYRAMIDS.—Colonel Sir Henry James, in a recent lecture upon the pyramids of Egypt, stated that in the King's Chamber, inside the pyramid, some of the stones were thirty feet long. These stones, weighing ninety tons, were not found in Egypt at all, but were taken down the Nile, a distance of five hundred miles, and then placed in their present position, one hundred feet above the level of the ground. With regard to their finish, these Syenite stones are the very hardest known, and yet they are so exquisitely polished, and built in (to form a casing for the King's Chamber) with such superior skill that the finest sheet of tissue paper could not be inserted between two of the stones, and this after a lapse of four thousand years.

ONLY SIX MILLIONS.—This is all that has been lost by the rascality of public officials since the present national Administration came into power. We mean by those who have been caught at their tricks and not punished. The sums directly filched from the public by jobs and other means will doubtless aggregate five times that amount. It is a notorious fact that many Senators and Representatives who entered office a short time ago poor, and are now very rich, and that the most economical among them could not have saved more than \$2,000 per annum from their salaries.—*Soc. Reporter.*

MILFORD, Pa. fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah—"In that day seven women shall lay hold of one man"—accurate statistics showing that place to contain seven women to one man.

AFRAID.—A little girl looking at a picture of Eve in a picture gallery, exclaimed: "O mother, I should think that woman would be afraid of grasshoppers!"

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Fine Coat...	2 38	15 35
Silk Vest...	1 14	7 19
Cloth Trousers...	0 51	5 10
Silk Dress...	1 13	8 27
Merino Dress...	1 4	8 27
Calico Dress...	0 57	6 37
Chemise...	1 10	10 31
Night Dress...	7 10	2
Muslin Skirt...	0 30	7 10
Muslin Skirt, 15 tucks...	2 30	22 10
Infant's Plain Robe...	0 35	8 5
Infant's robe 50 plaits...	7 35	4 50
Plain Drawers...	0 35	4 16
Quilting Silk Skirt...	11 30	50 20
Stitching 12 linen collars...	0 43	10 5
Stitching 12 linen cuffs...	0 40	10 15
Stitching 12 shirt fronts...	1 20	23 20
Hemming 12 hankchiefs...	0 45	8 10
Boy's Pants...	0 49	2 00
Boy's Vest...	0 35	2 50
Boy's Coat...	1 15	7 20

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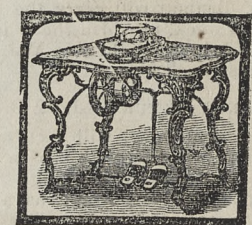
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